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GENERAL INFORMATION

The *Dillsburg Banner* office is open 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. News releases of upcoming and recent events, such as births, weddings, anniversaries, meetings and or area happenings are welcome. Please give us a call at 432-3456 to cover the event or drop off your press release at our office at 31 S. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg. Press releases received by Monday will be in that week's edition.

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcome. They do not necessarily represent the views of this paper. If you wish to have your say, please send your letter to the Dillsburg Banner, 31 S. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg PA 17019.

Please include your name and phone number. Letters unsigned will not be printed.

Half-truth tactics being used

The unusually large attendance at the Monaghan Township March meeting, including Lt. Governor Candidate Hal Mowery, was precipitated by a rumor of proposed gun control. The spreading of the rumor was not innocent and spontaneous. It was obviously planned and well orchestrated by those who knew that an emotional issue would deflect the real and important problems which have created division among official Township leadership. The minutes of previous meetings will prove that gun control was never addressed nor proposed. No one suggested that the solution to a single neighborhood harassment complaint, involving gun shots, was elimination or limitation of gun use.

Such half-truth tactics to maintain support and control are frightening and dangerous, but they seem to be acceptable and effective in and around this community.

Deceptive tactics helped defeat a capable, intelligent candidate in the most recent election. Too many voters believed inaccurate statements in a pre-election letter which was mailed to them. Signed by Mr. Cottenham, it suggested that Mrs. Coble was not a property owner, therefore of questionable qualification to serve as supervisor. Point-in-fact: (1) Both Mr. and Mrs. Coble, as wage earners, contribute many dollars to the Township through wage taxes. (2) The Coble residence, which is family owned, is taxed. (3) The Constitution guarantees that individual opportunities, capabilities, and conduct are not predicated upon taxable property.

The efforts to control development through the legal avenue of zoning have been diminished by similar tactics. The Mowery Brothers' subdivision plan for Wellington Heights, although approved by the Supervisors, is in conflict with the zoning ordinance. Their proposed sewage treatment plant, which will dump into the Yellow Breeches Water Shed, is in direct violation of two (2) counts, and granting of building permits should not be allowed until these deficiencies are corrected. Errors in the plan were repeatedly brought to the attention of the Supervisors by Zoning Officer Paula Bixler, Planning Commission Chairman Mary Coble, and Solicitor G. Thomas Miller. In spite of this, J.J. Cottenham and Wayne Miller refused to retract their approval. Instead, two of the dissenting officials have been replaced and the third has resigned. It is untrue to suggest that the replacements were due to picayune incidents such as one's voting preference-which the privacy of the voting booth supposedly protects-or a citizen's right to report a hazardous condition to the police without the Supervisors' permission. The Mowerys have reportedly sold their development package to Mark Caldwell and Martin Grass for over a million dollars.

The on-going battle to protect the Yellow Breeches Creek from future development pollution whether by Messiah College, Grantham Woods, Upper Allen Township, Robert Mumma's proposed golf course or the Mowery Brothers' sewage treatment plant, produced more twisting of facts. Mr. Cottenham has now gone on record in the newspaper with yet another misrepresentation, namely, that the Township never opposed Grantham Woods through official resolution. Point-in-fact, minutes of the regularly scheduled Township meeting of August, 1985, page 3, paragraph 3, record the resolution as proposed by Supervisor G. Thomas Miller, seconded by Supervisor J.J. Cottenham, with Supervisor R. Wayne Miller abstaining, not opposing. The motion passed with a two to zero vote. This resolution was submitted as an exhibit during testimony taken, under oath, at the Grantham Woods hearings.

To impugn without substantiation, through the press, the honesty and integrity of an individual at any time, much less four and one-half years after the fact, is unconscionable and unacceptable.

Misrepresentation and deception are reprehensible when dispensed by those who profess to be pillars of the church. It is cowardly and insulting to suggest that such bad behavior has foundation in the Bible.

This writer, for one, publicly disputes the distortion of facts and events and registers contempt for those who accept them as honorable truths.

Anne G. Miller

After-prom party attnedance encouraged

My wife and I recently attended a meeting of the Northern High School After Prom Party Committee.

We were pleasantly surprised at the plans being made for the enjoyment of the attendees.

The party is being held at the West Shore YMCA, and is a well planned chaperoned event. There will be dancing, music by a DJ, swimming, racquetball, basketball, volleyball, other games and plenty of refreshments.

Many prizes for drawings have been donated by local businesses including a 1985 Plymouth Turismo given by Wessel's Used Cars, Dillsburg.

The party concludes at 6 a.m. and no one will be permitted to leave without the parents/guardians being notified.

I hope parents will encourage their students to attend this fun event in place of unsupervised private parties.

I also encourage parties to volunteer to help with one of the many committees working to make this a memorable experience for their children. Contact Co-chairpersons Linda Irwin, 432-8324 or Wanda Stiffler, 432-3024 if you would like to help.

Wish there were events like this when I was growing up!

Sincerely,
Joe Kowaleski, Jr.

NOTICE

The Northern York County School District will receive until 2:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, April 4, 1990, bids for Art Supplies, Athletic Equipment and Supplies, General Supplies, Industrial Arts/V&Ag Supplies, Janitorial Supplies and Music Equipment. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Administrative Office, 149 S. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award contracts that are in the best interests of the school district.

Evelyn K. Myers, Secretary
Northern York County School District

NOTICE

Estate of James G. Jones late of Franklin Township, York County Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters of Administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing at Sandra L. Leader, 13 W. Harrisburg Street, Dillsburg, Pa. 17019.

Jane M. Alexander, Esquire
Attorney
Sandra L. Leader, Administratrix

LEGAL

The Dillsburg Borough Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 4, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Monaghan Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 102 North Baltimore Street. The Commission will receive public input for consideration of a proposed Planned Residential Development known as Meadows Edge to be built on approximately 18 acres of vacant land located in the southwest corner of the Borough east of Gettysburg Street and west of the standpipe.

The developer expects to construct 161 living units on the tract which will be condominiums. Units will be constructed in structures consisting of four to eighteen dwelling units.

A "Planned Residential Development" is defined as: an area of land, controlled by a landowner, to be developed as a single entity for a number of dwelling units, or combination of residential and nonresidential uses, the development plan for which does not correspond in lot size, bulk, type of dwelling, or use, density, or intensity, lot coverage and required open space to the regulations established in any one district created, from time to time, under the provisions of a municipal zoning ordinance.

Any citizen of the Borough may attend the hearing to become acquainted with the project and to offer comments or testimony on the project.

George W. Brown,
Chairman
Dillsburg Planning Commission

Have news? Give us a call at 432-3456

Accident accounts appear one sided

The traffic accident that happened on Route 15 on Mother's Day of 1989 was very tragic and traumatic for the Streett family and our sympathy is certainly extended to them.

However, all of the stories in the newspapers and on TV regarding this accident seem to be very one-sided. According to what was read and heard, the Streett Family are the only ones who suffered loss. Those of us who are friends of Jim Fishel and his family know this is simply not so.

The pain and agony of this terrible accident has taken its toll on two families-not just one.

We have known Jim for many years. He has always been a very caring, decent and dedicated man. His job as a policeman has brought him a lot of respect within the community.

We know that is not true and we want to take this opportunity to stand up for the Fishel Family.

This terrible accident is one that two families must learn to accept and deal with. No one involved in this accident will ever forget but it is time to heal.

It is very important that both families receive understanding and support from their friends. We offer this support to the Fishel Family because we are very proud to call Jim Fishel our friend.

Norman and Joan Hess
Jack and Cathy Neaser
Norman Trump
And Friends of the Community

Dillsburg Borough Trash Collection

Trash will be taken from Borough Residents on Saturday, April 21, 1990. Trash may consist of anything such as old furniture, appliances, metals, wood, etc. No garbage, newspapers nor any other materials which would normally be taken by the Borough Sanitation Collector will be accepted. NO TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Identification proving residency within the Borough will be required.

There will NOT be any door to door pickup and Borough Residents must bring the items to a container which will be located on the vacant lot owned by J & J Agriexon (Franklin and South Second Streets, by the water tank) between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Items must be placed on the container bed after which Borough employees will handle. Your cooperation is requested.

Wood or brush may not exceed five foot lengths.

The Borough of Dillsburg
P.O. Box 370
Dillsburg, PA 17019
Bus. 4/5, 4/19

NOTICE

The Estate of KYLE P. RICHWINE, late of Dillsburg Borough, York County Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters of Administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned.

Paul R. Richwine, Jr
Beth A. Richwine
27 E. York Street
Dillsburg, PA 17019
WM. D. SCHRACK, II
124 West Harrisburg Street
P.O. Box 310
Dillsburg, PA 17019
Bus. 4/5, 4/11

Ficticious Name

Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 1990 a certificate was filed under the Ficitious Name Act in accordance with Section 311 of Act 382-295 "54 PA C.S. Section 311" in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, setting forth that Robert L. Hivner, 2104 Wentworth Drive, Camp Hill, Pa. 17011 is the only person owning or interested in a business, the character of which is the retail sale of new and used furniture and other related business and that the name, style and designation under which said business is and will be conducted is DILLSBURG FURNITURE MART and the location where said business is and will be located is 103 South Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania.

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204-206 Mumper Lane
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(717) 432-0666
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BID NOTICE

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors, York County, Pa. solicit bids for the following. Stone of various sizes; road oils and dust control oil, shale, rental of Hi-lift. Bids will be received until 7:30 p.m. on April 17, 1990 and will be opened and considered by the board at approximately 8:30 p.m. on April 17, 1990. Supervisors reserve the right to accept and/or reject any/or all bids received. Full particulars and bid forms may be obtained by writing Franklin Township Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 25, Dillsburg, Pa. 17019 or by calling 717-432-3773.

Lynn L. Potts
Secretary

Last day to register to vote

The League of Women Voters of the Harrisburg Area reminds citizens that Monday, April 16, 1990 is the last day to register to vote in order to participate in the Tuesday, May 15, 1990 primary election. The League of Women Voters urges you to exercise your right and make your voice heard on primary election day. Help set your political party's stage for the general election in November. Remember, you can't vote if you're not registered. For further information, contact your local league at: (717) 234-1576.

Historical society to meet

The April meeting of the Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society will be in Thursday, April 5, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Social Hall at North Baltimore Street and Church Street in Dillsburg. The program for the evening will be a presentation by Sara Anne Knaub on American Pottery. If you have an example you wish to bring, please do. Members, guests and visitors are all welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Staff Sergeant, Richard L. Leary, Jr.

New Army recruiter

Staff Sergeant, Richard L. Leary, Jr. is now Army recruiter for the Northern High School and Boiling Springs. He is a military policeman originally from North Carolina with 7 years in the Army. He was stationed in Savannah, Georgia for the past 2 years.

Sergeant Leary wishes to announce that the 2 year Army College Fund is now available for High School Graduates. This fund can amount to $17,000 to those qualified.

Brain S. Keefer

Keefer accepts position

Brian S. Keefer of Dillsburg has joined Hoover-Anwar Associates, a medical and dental marketing services company based in Allentown, Pa. as a Marketing and Public Relations Specialist.

Keefer is responsible for media relations, advertising, marketing, brochure development, special event management and public relations tasks for several of the company's clients throughout the northeastern United States.

Keefer, a graduate of Dickinson College, is the former Director of Public Relations and Fund Raising of the American Cancer Society in Baltimore, MD. He is a former staff member of the American Cancer Society in Harrisburg.

Brenda L. Mummert

Mummert accepted

Brenda L. Mummert, daughter of Carl and Bernice Mummert of Wellsville, has been accepted into the physical therapy program at Thomas Jefferson University's College of Allied Health Sciences, Philadelphia. Miss Mummert is one of 45 students selected from over 600 applicants. At Thomas Jefferson University Brenda will have the opportunity to study at one of the best physical therapy facilities in the nation. At the end of the three year program, Miss Mummert will be awarded simultaneous Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physical Therapy. Brenda has completed her pre-requisite coursework at Bloomsburg University, where she was named to the College of Professional Studies Dean's List for four consecutive semesters.

Revival services

The Harmony Bethel Church of God, located at the corner of South Mountain and Clear Springs Roads, will be holding Revival Services April 1-8 at 7 p.m. Our service on April 1 will be a Night of Music with Mr. Vernon Brechbiel sharing a meditation. Pastor Donald Cubick will be the speaker for the remaining services. Pastor Cubick is a retired Churches of God pastor and a former pastor of Harmony Bethel. His theme will be: "Renewing the Church." His focus will be a challenge to God's people to respond to God's call for commitment and service. There will be special music provided each evening. Nursery care and a program for the children will also be available. Any need for further information may be directed to Pastor Bradley Moore at 432-2733. You are welcome!

FARMING: A way of life no other can match

By Lynn Farner
NHS Correspondent

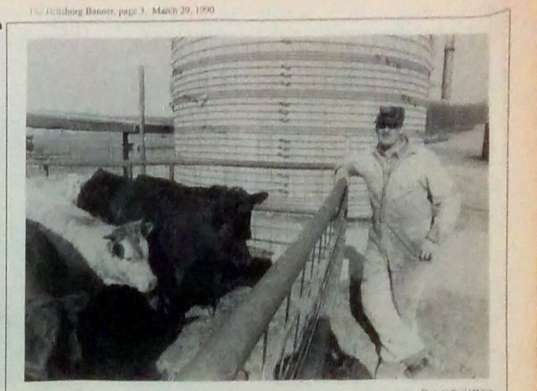


Photo by David Marsh

Dale Bentz, above, born and raised on the family's farm, says of the work..."You've got to keep up with it or you'll get left behind." He, his father, mother and step-sons all take part in the never ending daily chores.

No two days in the life of a full-time farmer are the same. In addition, the daily duties of local beef farmer, Dale Bentz, change each season.

Fall brings in new steer, which are fed each morning from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

During the spring planting season, Dale may find himself on a tractor for fifteen consecutive hours.

The weather, sometimes a help and sometimes a hindrance, also forces schedules to be flexible.

Last year, for example, the weather was exceedingly wet for three weeks of the prime planting season. This set the Bentzs back because the soil was too wet to be tilled.

The few days of pleasant weather two weeks ago gave Dale time to work on the 700 acres of land where they raise their cattle feed.

Aside from the three hours spent daily hauling manure, cleaning the barn and providing clean bedding, Dale takes time to maintain most of the farm's equipment.

Dale Bentz's father, Laverne, and his wife, Maryellen, started the dairy farm in 1945. The farm is located on Spring Valley Road, just a few miles south of Dillsburg.

The farm underwent three major expansions until their participation in the dairy buyout program in 1985.

In 1987, they increased their dairy herd to 45 and built a new barn.

In 1964, they doubled the herd size to 110. In 1978, they installed a new milking and feeding system.

In 1985, they sold their dairy herd and went into the beef finishing business.

Now, finishing an average of 550 head of cattle annually, Dale credits part of the farm's success to his family's willingness to keep up with technological change.

"When you don't update or maintain, things go downhill," Dale claims. "You've got to keep up with it or you'll get left behind."

Most of the steer, which at finished weight are between 1200 and 1400 lbs., go directly to the slaughterhouse. Between September and November, tractor trailers came and take the cattle away, while a small portion of the beef goes to local butchers.

The struggle to succeed in farming is not without its obstacles. "Mother nature is our number one problem," says Dale. "She can be friend or foe."

When repairs are needed, Dale states, "you know it's going to be very expensive for equipment, parts and labor. It's true, what they say. Farmers buy retail and sell wholesale."

The Bentz's are proud to note that they have never operated on government handouts. That pride encourages them.

"I take pride in seeing straight corn rows," Dale says. "That's when I know I'm doing a good job planting corn. Our motto has always been, 'When you do something, do it right, or don't do it at all'."

A number of problems are not of Dale's control. Environmental factors such as water runoff and chemical fertilizers and pesticides are becoming the subjects of heated debates.

However, Dale holds an optimistic view of the future. "Of course, there will be less farmers and less ground to farm, but the next generation will be better prepared to conquer problems," Dale explains.

Environmental and animal rights issues will be great concerns.

Dale focuses the use of less fertilizers and new chemicals that work on the enzyme system of the plant.

"By the year 2000, he says, the accomplishments of this decade will outshine all those of the past century. Technology will change so fast. It looks promising for the younger generations."

The one set back to farming that Dale sees, is "the income of a farmer makes...he puts back into the farm in the form of repairs and upkeep."

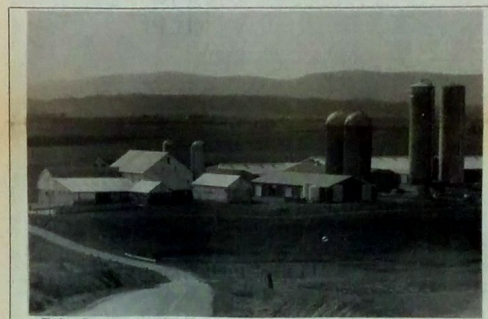
If he could change anything about farming, Dale would want a larger return on his investments.

Despite this, Dale Bentz continues to farm with his father, mother, and two stepsons, Chad (15) and Michael (9), because Dale was born and raised on the farm and he loves it. His wife, Valerie, helps out when she is able.

It's his biggest challenge because he's his own boss and is in control. He can be different than his neighbor.

"It's a way of life no other can match," Dale says. "Springtime is a new beginning, and like a blackboard, you can erase your mistakes and begin again each spring."

"And when it's going right," he adds, "it's right."



The Bentz Farm - Located just a few miles south of Dillsburg off of Route 74 is the Bentz farm of 300 acres. The family started out in the dairy business in 1945. In 1985 they participated in the dairy buyout program and now raise beef, finishing an average of 500 head of cattle annually.

Photo by David Marsh

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In Memoriam
Our precious puppy Bear dog passed away Sunday March 25, 1990 at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, the city where he was born 7 years ago.
We want to thank all of you who gave him so much love and affection over the years - our friends and families; neighbors; patrons at the craft shop we had last year on Baltimore Street (Blue Mountain Creations); employees of McFarland Graphics by whose pond he loved to walk every day; people who so often saw Bear patiently waiting at a store or post office, sitting in the driver's seat of our brown Cavalier station wagon, and would say hello and smile at him - many of you even waiting at the car to meet his people and say what a wonderful dog he is.
For those of you who are still unsure who Bear was, he was an affectionate white boxer, with a brown spot on his head and floppy ears, who loved to cuddle with his people.
Thank you for your love and prayers
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